

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Issac, R.

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For: USE OF STEROIDS TO TREAT
PERSONS SUFFERING FROM OCULAR
DISORDERS

AMENDMENT and RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 30, 2006

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Official Action mailed May 30, 2006, for which the three-month date for response was August 30, 2006.

A request for a two-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This two-month extension will bring the due date to October 30, 2006, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Alcon Laboratories Deposit Account No. 501051.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

There are no **Amendments to the Specification** in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

There are no **Amendments to the Drawings** in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.